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WRITERS OF WAR TIME CONDITIONS IN LONDON

Secretary of Norwich Chamber of Commerce Receives Interesting Letter From English Business House.

Secretary Herbert R. Branche of the local Chamber of Commerce has received from Frank Chitham, merchandise manager of Selfridge & Co., Ltd., London, England, an interesting survey of business conditions in that country brought about through the world war. Some weeks ago Mr. Branche addressed a letter to Selfridge and Company for the purpose of securing first hand information as to conditions in England. Mr. Chitham in reply to the request, writes as follows:

Dear Sir:—In reply to your letter of August 6th, we think the letter recently written by Mr. Selfridge to some of his friends in America will answer many of the questions which you have in mind.

We have pleasure in enclosing one for your personal use and trust you will find it of interest.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK CHITHAM.

The enclosed letter follows:—
We have really, during the last two and three-quarter years gone through an interesting experience. I can hardly think that anything like the same conditions will arise in America, even though the war is continued longer than we expect and even though America gets into it quite deeply. Things have taken place, which, before the war we should have felt were absolutely inconsistent with the continuation of business, or at least, with any possible satisfactory result to that business. And yet we have adjusted ourselves all over the country to these conditions without serious consequences and without much complaint, for the feeling throughout Great Britain is absolutely unanimous in sustaining the country, no matter what is necessary in this great war.

To begin with from this business the first week of the war we lost 150 of our young men who came into the "students" and had learned the business under our own instruction, to whom we were looking to fill the managerial positions of the house as rapidly as they might become vacant. This was a serious loss to our organization and one which we cannot make up. Of course, most of these young men will return when this war is over, but in the meantime they have grown three years older and have not during these three years increased their knowledge of the Dry Goods business. Incidentally I may say that we have now 900 men with the Colours and we spend \$30,000 or \$40,000 a year in absentees' salaries, which means that we are advancing money to their families so that they shall not in any way be during the period of the "bread winners" absence. This is generally being done throughout Great Britain.

Another difficulty which came quickly was the reduction and final abandonment of the suburban trains, which we in London have counted upon being absolutely essential to the holding of the business of the suburban customer. Recently the bus service, which corresponds with the trams in America has been very much curtailed and only this morning one of my managers told me that 72 different bus routes passing this house had been taken off. Those reductions also we have had to accommodate ourselves to until we hardly recognize the difference.

During the first few months of the war the merchandise was not difficult to obtain, but for the last year or more this has become, perhaps, the biggest problem we have to solve. Importations have been prohibited by the government in many departments and in those which have not been prohibited we have had great difficulty in getting goods. The manufacturing districts of France in the northeast as you know, has been in the fighting area for so long that practically no merchandise has been obtainable from this great source of supply for at least two years. When we went to America for our merchandise we found that manufacturers so well supplied with orders from home that their interests in foreign business was not keen, and which we treated as their first priority. These difficulties all came but gradually, and at no period during the war have we withdrawn from this first energetic policy and our house is as thronged today or more so than ever before, but as I have said we are quite an exception to the rule.

which we have heretofore used a page. Catalogues are prohibited, not because the government is trying to curtail trade but because of the great shortage in paper—a shortage caused by the absence of excess tonnage, all tonnage being used for bringing munitions and food stuffs to this country and to the countries of our allies. I should also repeat the policy which we have maintained here, to keep our business going at high pressure. War or no war.

In August, 1914, most of the stores of Great Britain were attacked with a case of fright and their first thought was to reduce their expenses. We went ahead in no way curtailing ours but "carried on" as usual to our undoubted advantage, but all the time we kept our eyes as carefully as possible on the horizon to discover signals which should cause us to change our policy. These difficulties all came but gradually, and at no period during the war have we withdrawn from this first energetic policy and our house is as thronged today or more so than ever before, but as I have said we are quite an exception to the rule.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

Durham—W. P. Camp received five first premiums and four second premiums on his blooded stock which he exhibited at the state fair.

Winsted—W. H. Bowden, of New Haven has been invited by the directors of the Winsted Y. M. C. A. to become secretary, succeeding J. Frank Leonard.

Portland—Patrick O'Neill, who for the past thirty years has been successfully conducting a blacksmith shop on lower Main street, has sold out his business. Mr. O'Neill will retire and enjoy a rest.

Hartford—Manager Albert E. Riley of the safe deposit department of the Hartford-Aetna National Bank, observed Friday the forty-sixth anniversary of his start in the banking business—Sept. 26, 1871.

Centerville—A band of gypsies passed through here yesterday and as they were refused admittance to one of the local stores, one of the female members of the gang broke one of the panes of glass in the door.

Waterbury—Mike Thompson, until recently athletic director at City College, Baltimore, will again be in charge of athletics at Mount St. Mary's college, Emmitsburg, Md. Mike is one of Waterbury's best known representatives in the football world.

Winsted—Sheriff Frank H. Turkington, who has had about 40 head of young stock in pasture on his land southwest of Highland lake, has left a number of head by poisoning. Mr. Turkington, after an examination of the yearlings, was of the opinion that they had eaten poisonous weeds.

Middletown—President Woodrow Wilson has paid a glowing tribute to Professor William North Rice, dean of the faculty members at Wesleyan university, in the foreword to the booklet, "Through Darkness to Dawn," which contains the commencement address delivered by Professor Rice at Wesleyan last June.

Danbury—Every man of the new national army who left Danbury last week, for Camp Devens, has by this time been given a pinhead made by Mrs. Nathan M. Belden, of 41 Fairview avenue, mother of John M. Belden, teller of the Savings Bank of Danbury. Mrs. Belden was active in service at home during the Civil war.

New Britain—In order to assure all the necessary comforts of their fellow members who have been called to war, the Young Men's T. A. & B. so-

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Viewed as an investment our Floor Coverings and Draperies will most certainly pay good dividends in the way of long service and general satisfaction — and viewed as dainty home furnishings they will long be sources of delight to you.

We extend a cordial invitation to you to examine our big, new stock, and shall count it a pleasure to show you these latest arrivals for the home.

The Reid & Hughes Co.

Boston Store, Bargain Bulletin

ABOUT 25 RUGS
MARKED DOWN FOR
THE OPENING SALE
BUY NOW

Here is a bargain list of Rugs which it is our intention to get rid of this week, via the reduced price route. If you are interested in securing a genuine Rug bargain look these over.

WE OFFER
Three Smith's Axminster in the 9 by 12 size. They were \$26.00. NOW \$21.00

Two Blue Ribbon Velvet Rugs, 9 by 12 in size, were \$25.00. NOW \$21.50

One Seamless Tapestry Brussels Rug, 9 feet square, was \$18.00. NOW \$15.00

One fine Axminster in the 7 foot 6 by 9 foot size, was \$18.00. NOW \$14.00

Two Seamless Tapestry Rugs, 7 foot by 9 foot, were \$12.00. NOW \$10.00

Two Wool Fibr Rugs, 9 feet square, were \$25.00. NOW \$20.00

One Wool Fibr Rug, 9 by 10 foot 6, was \$25.00. NOW \$20.00

One Wilton Velvet Rug, 9 by 12 feet, was \$12.50. NOW \$9.00

Two Seamless Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 9 by 12 in size, were \$15.00. NOW \$12.50

One Seamless Sanfor Brussels Rug, 9 by 12 feet, was \$16.00. NOW \$12.50

One fine Body Brussels Rug, 6 by 9 feet, was \$20.00. NOW \$16.50

One Seamless Sanfor Axminster Rug, 6 by 9 feet, was \$19.50. NOW \$15.00

Three Wool Fibr Rugs, 6 by 9 feet, were \$4.25. NOW \$3.00

The Reid & Hughes Co.

A Native of Putnam

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius E. Buck, of Conway, Mass., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home Sunday with a gathering of their immediate family and relatives. Mr. Buck was born in Putnam, Mass., and is 69 years old, and has worked at his trade of expert woodworker and tool-maker for 48 years. Mrs. Buck's maiden name was Selma Naylor. She is 61 and was born in Putnam. Her mother, Mrs. Julia Naylor, is living in Danbury, N. H. Because of her age she could not come to the celebration, but four generations of her descendants were represented by Mrs. Buck and her daughter, Mrs. Harris Bicknell, her granddaughter, Mrs. Robert Spencer and her great-granddaughter, Marion Spencer.

Rosenberg's Son Charged With Perjury

Seventeen Year Old Boy Presented in Criminal Court Tuesday and Held for Trial at January Term—Arthur Randall Given Year in Jail for Stealing a Horse—Case Against Thomas Bevan Continued.

Isadore Rosenberg, of this city, seventeen year old son of Louis Rosenberg held for trial in the superior court on the charge of perjury and subornation of perjury was Tuesday presented in the criminal court in session here on a warrant on a charge of perjury. He pleaded not guilty and bonds were fixed at \$500. Attorney Quinn, his counsel was appointed guardian ad litem.

The boy's arrest followed the arrest of his father last week on a charge of perjury committed in connection with the trial of Arthur Randall, colored, North Stonington. Shortly after Louis Rosenberg had entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of subornation of perjury was preferred against him and he again entered a plea of not guilty. His bonds were fixed at \$1,000 at that time. It is claimed that the elder Rosenberg influenced his son to commit perjury while a witness in Randall's trial for

theft of a horse. Soon after Randall's trial had started he decided to change his plea of not guilty to guilty. Sentence at that time was deferred by Judge Greene and the case was called up Tuesday. Judge Greene gave Randall one year in jail. Randall stole a horse from William P. Wade of this city on August 18th and traded the stolen horse for a horse owned by Louis Rosenberg.

The case against Thomas Bevan of New London charged with carrying goods under false pretences in that city was continued until the January term. Bonds were fixed at \$500 and Bevan was allowed his freedom on his own recognizance. He was placed in charge of Probation Officer Mansfield of New London.

SHOESTRING DISTRICT MEN ARE EXEMPTED

Board Has Received Additional List From Officials in Waterbury.

Attorney Marion R. Davis, in the office of the exemption board, Division No. 1, has received from the Second district board of Waterbury an additional list of exemptions as follows: Joseph St. John, Raphael Kowalski, indefinite discharges; and the following for industrial reasons until December 20 only: Victor G. Hehr, John Edward Lamb, Harry O. Jernigan, Harold F. Geer, Roy L. Beard, Benjamin Kaplan, Clarence Davidson Lee, Hadiah H. L. Peabody, Louis Becker, Erskine H. Geer, Jr., Theophilus H. Hanne.

The local board for Division No. 11 has received a report from the Second district board that the following men have been certified and are note exempted or discharged: W. R. Weaple, Stonington; Frederick L. Kent, R. D. No. 2, Norwich; Joseph L. Miller, Greenfield; Myrtle, Frank Kaszel, Voluntown; Jas. Puttill Donovan, Mystic; Azarias Besette, Baltic; Alfred Henry Brooks, of Waterford; William James Prescott Waterford; Charles Everett Miller of Stonington; John E. Wyatt, Jewett City; Alfred Norfick, Jewett City; Harold F. Clark, Lyme; Clifford L. Hoag, Westerly; R. I. Nathan, Berwick; Unceaville, R. F. D. No. 1, Peter Carnecki, Jewett City; Patrick J. Reardon, Stonington; Earle Leroy Howe, Jewett City; Walter F. Seymour, Jewett City; Louis E. Elgart, Colchester; Francis W. Brown, Colchester; Jacob Marva, Westerly; R. I. John A. Rieger, Waterford; Charles Joseph Pochie, Glasgow; Nelson Boudry, Voluntown; Harry Monette, Mystic; John Edward Dyer, Jewett City; Wm. James Prescott, Waterford; Gustave Hauslich, Mystic; Frank Guleski, Colchester; Joseph Fonseca, Stonington; John Zalewski, Jewett City.

Have Daughter in Moosup.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eden Tift celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding Saturday evening at their home in Brown street, Johnston, R. I. They were married in Woonsocket on September 22, 1867. To them were born 10 children, six of whom are living. They are Howard W. and David Earl Tift of Providence, Mrs. Gilbert A. Bishop, Mrs. Walter L. Everett and Frank Tift of Johnston and Mrs. George H. Young of Moosup.

According to a Warsaw report, the Polish Statuath, whence a defection recently occurred, has resigned.

ANOTHER LOCAL BACKS UP LIQUOR DEALERS

Steamfitters and Plumbers Go On Record as Opposed to Prohibition.

Steamfitters and Plumbers' Union, local No. 267, at a meeting on Tuesday evening adopted a resolution endorsing the action of the local retail liquor dealers' association in raising objection to the no-lience petition. The meeting went on record as opposed to prohibition. The action taken by the steamfitters and plumbers is similar to the action taken by the Central Labor Union and the local cigarmakers' union.

Silver Wedding.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Young celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage at their home recently. Ushers for the occasion were Henry A. Dawley and Alexander Tanner. Guest were present from Norwich, Lebanon, South Windham, Oneco, Ekono, Voluntown, Hope Valley, West Kingston, and West Greenwich. The gifts included silverware, linen and money. The decorations were golden rod and ferns and the entertainment for the evening was vocal and instrumental music. Refreshments were served.

INCIDENTS IN SOCIETY

Miss Matilda Butts is visiting in Newport, R. I.

Horatio Bigelow, Jr., is a student at Milton, Mass. Academy this term.

Miss Della Leavens has returned from a stay of several weeks in the Adirondacks.

Miss Margueretta Johnson has entered Columbia university to take a course in art.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard O. Smith of Old Elms have been spending several days at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner D. Pond of Winchester, Mass. have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Pullen of Lincoln avenue.

Miss Florence Williams of Yantic has returned from a visit with Miss Marjorie Hillhouse at her summer home at Harwichport, Mass.

WILL TRY POISON GAS ON DOGS

If Successful State Laboratory Will Turn It Over to U. S. Army.

The state laboratory at New Haven, formerly at Middletown has produced a poison gas which if proved successful will be turned over to the use of the U. S. army and will be used by the Germans in trench warfare. The state laboratory is now in charge of Prof. C. J. Bartlett as director and the experiments, which will be of novel character, will be under his charge.

The new gas will be tried on Connecticut dogs, whose only homes are those furnished by dog pounds. The dogs are being kept in cages and their lives that there may be fewer human lives lost.

The new gas if it works out as well as is anticipated, will be used in gas bombs. The dogs are sent to New Haven alive, and are to be made targets for gas bombs. United States army officers performing the experiments.

Dogs are to be put at a certain distance and gas is released in waves toward them. The effects on the dogs is watched, and if the gas is found to be sufficiently deadly, it will be adopted for use on the European front. While it is impossible as yet to determine the deadly strength of the gas it is said to be stronger than the chlorine gas, which was used by the Germans early in the war and it is expected that it will be a valuable weapon for trench warfare.

The matter was taken up with the commissioner of domestic animals, who has the exclusive right to say what shall be done with animals who are impounded, and are unclaimed. Usually they are killed with chloroform. Instead of employing this method of disposing of them in this way, it was decided to send them alive to New Haven for experimentation purposes.

And so, from all over the state dogs are being sent to the state laboratory to die for their country. One thousand dogs were asked for. One thousand dogs were asked for. One thousand dogs were asked for. One thousand dogs were asked for. One thousand dogs were asked for.

The new quarantine on all dogs west of the Connecticut river all over the state have been ordered to enforce the law strictly, and to watch every dog allowed to go loose, without its owner, on the end of a leash.

All stray dogs will be seized, and sent to New Haven, and will be used at the state laboratory. It is understood that each dog which is taken to the state laboratory will be paid for by the state, so that the city will not lose anything on the plan.

"It may seem cruel to dispose of the dogs in this way," said Domestic Animals Commissioner James M. Whittey, "but it is better to have the dogs killed than to have the boys in Europe killed unnecessarily."

N. F. A. NOTES.

Battalion Had First Drill of the Season on Tuesday—Juniors Make Best Showing in Point of Numbers.

The N. F. A. battalion had their first drill Tuesday afternoon with an attendance of about 35 boys. The three upper classes went through the drills learned last year in marching.

The Juniors made the best showing in numbers, having about 35. They were taught the elements of the "School of the Soldier," then they went through some marching. At the next drill it is expected the guns will be used and some new work begun. Open order drill will be started pretty soon and there will be skirmishing. The work is under the charge of Edward McKay.

Attended Niece's Wedding.

Mrs. Mary Stapleton has returned from New York where she attended the marriage of her niece, Mrs. W. A. Howland (Mary L. Stapleton) of Savannah, Ga. Her father, William P. Stapleton was formerly of Norwich.